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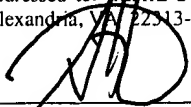
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**SUMMARY OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER**

Dear Sir:

On March 19, 2004, attorney Scott R. Hansen was contacted by Examiner Merrick Dixon for the purpose of a telephonic interview on the above-identified patent application. Examiner Dixon indicated that the claims pending in the case were all allowable. However, he indicated that claim 27 was written in method form. He offered to issue a notice of allowance if applicant would drop claim 27.


Attorney Hansen indicated that he felt that claim 27 was a permissible type of method claim, and it depended from an apparatus claim and therefore included all of the limitations of the apparatus claim, as well as additional limitations of the method claim itself. However, attorney Hansen agreed to cancel claim 27 for the purpose of obtaining a notice of allowance at an early date.

Applicant continues to maintain that claim 27 is a proper form of dependent claim. In particular, claim 27 incorporates all of the limitations of the corresponding independent claim, plus adds additional limitations in the form of method steps. Therefore, claim 27 is narrower than the allowed corresponding independent claim and is therefore allowable.

Applicant thanks the examiner for the Notice of Allowance which applicant recently received. Applicant files this INTERVIEW SUMMARY prior to the date of filing an issue fee in order to complete the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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